

our dilemma and plea in the EVANGELIST. He it was who wrote your unworthy servant, and so highly recommended Brother Byers and told us that if we would look to this soon we might secure him. Brother Haskins, kindly receive our grateful thanks for manifesting so great interest in our behalf. We are greatly encouraged, believing that we are going to have a great awakening here this coming year.

May the entire brotherhood pray for us and make us strong in the faith and more fervent in the work, more zealous in the Master's cause, so it will be shown to the world that there is a reality in the religion of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Most High. We feel happy, and believe we are firmly united.

G. A. RUFF.

Ashland, Ohio

At home again from Williamstown, O. I made my first trip to Williamstown, O., the first Sunday in February, and have been going there every two weeks since.

So far I have enjoyed the work very much, and see no cause why I shall not continue to enjoy it. The work is moving along nicely. The interest seems to be increasing, as our audiences are much better than they were when we first began, and, as far as I am able to judge, the work in general is going upward.

The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition with brother H. H. Wolford as superintendent. The K. C. is also doing good work with Brother Waltemyre at the front. The S. S. C. E. is a noble band of workers. Last year they paid some \$80 on the church debt and this year they are endeavoring to pay \$100.

Our missionary offering for the state work amounted to \$5.50. It is no large sum, yet it is good, considering everything, and all were pleased with the amount.

Our communion services will be held Saturday evening, May 25. An invitation is extended to the members of the neighboring congregations to meet with us.

D. F. EIKENBERRY.

Dayton, Ohio

We are now comfortably situated at 806 S. Broadway, where our latch string is out for all those who are interested in us.

Sunday, April 7, was our first Sunday in the city and it being the anniversary of our Lord's resurrection appropriate Easter exercises were held in the Conner St., Brethren church. The church was well filled and both old and young seemed to enjoy the services. Brother J. C. Ewing, the superintendent having been sick, not as much time was given for preparation as there would have been otherwise, yet everything passed off smoothly and the people seemed pleased. Perhaps by another Easter we can still make a better report.

Winchester. Here we were not a little surprised when we entered the church to find that we had to elbow our way to get to the front. Great pains were taken by these good people to prepare for Easter services and their efforts were certainly appreciated. The music and declamations were just splendid and the overflowing house seemed well pleased.

Buckeye City On Sunday evening, March 24, I preached my farewell sermon at this place. The morning service was characterized by an unusual sadness. All seemed to realize that the pleasant relationship that had existed for three years between pastor and people was to be severed. At the close of the services brother Isaac Ross in a very neat and appropriate speech presented to the pastor and his wife a very beautiful quilt, pieced fan pattern with the names of the donors thereon. The originator of this beautiful production was Miss Anna Parish who is not a member of the Brethren church, but whose heart is there, and many other ladies of the town not members of our

church had a hand in the work. For three years we served this people in the most pleasant manner, and counting those who were added during the revival just before we took charge of the work—there were 60 accessions. A new furnace, a steel ceiling, a new pulpit, carpets, chairs, for the choir stand, the walls were papered, and other improvements made and the old debts paid off, the new debts paid and the pastor paid. That is the history of Buckeye City church for three years. May God continue to bless these people.

Ankenytown. Here we also had a very pleasant and successful pastorate. The turbulent waters have all disappeared at this place and no better people are to be found anywhere. During our stay with them a heater was put in the church and the church repainted. Thirty-nine were baptized. Three of these had come out under Brother Grisso's preaching making really thirty-six for the three years of my pastorate. This is the best paying church I have ever served. Not that the others did not pay, but that Ankenytown paid more promptly. Much of this honor is due to elder Isaac Leedy who paid special attention to this matter, and if the money was not all in the treasury the preacher got his pay just the same.

North Liberty. This church has also had prosperity during my stay with them. A new furnace was put in the church. The church was repapered and two most beautiful chandeliers were added, and every cent of the cost paid. Thirty-six members were added, eleven of whom are yet to be baptized. They will be baptized by the writer in the near future God being willing. Ankenytown and North Liberty are but five miles apart and have always been closely associated in church work and here we have a remarkable coincident, that the same number of members were added in the same length of time. Thirty-six at each place. At Ankenytown some time ago the pastor was presented with a very beautiful rocking chair by the young sisters, and at North Liberty the pastor and his wife were made the recipients of 26 yards of carpet and two most beautiful rugs. Thus ended our work with these good people. A more pleasant pastorate we never enjoyed and never expect to enjoy. May God richly bless this charge is my prayer. I know that this article should have appeared before this, but our son Irl took very sick with pneumonia and for one week his parents were almost constantly at his bedside, but at this writing he is much better for which we thank God.

J. L. KIMMEL.

806 South Broadway.

Louisville, Ohio

When we were left pastorless last November by the resignation of Brother Welty, it was not generally supposed that hiring another pastor would be so difficult; but the unanimous vote of the members of three different congregations can not be easily obtained.

After having had several applicants in consideration, Alvin Byers was finally decided upon as pastor of the Middlebranch, North Georgetown and Louisville Brethren churches, at least until April 1, 1902.

Brother Byers has moved to Louisville from which, as a center, he will perform his pastoral duties. With the co-operation of pastor and people we expect good work to be done this year. All seem well satisfied with our choice.

May God's blessing rest upon the work.

OMER HUFF.

Johnstown, Pa.

It has been some time since the work at this place has been reported, owing to many other things to take the time. However we have something to report. A week's meeting closed with love feast. Six added by baptism and two by relation since last letter. Three of these were re-

ported as conversions in last report, but not as additions. The love feast was well attended and helpful. Quite a number were kept away however by the storm. Brother J. L. Bowman was with us and gave a splendid address during the services. All the services are well attended and the outlook is good for additions.

South Fork. The members at South Fork have affected a temporary organization for the purpose of purchasing a lot and building a church at that place. A soliciting and building committee of seven members has been appointed with Amos Davis as chairman, Fred Oast secretary and G. B. Bombgardner, financial secretary. An option was taken on a lot on Lake street, and if the earnest work of the first days will hold thru the summer there will be a house of worship in South Fork belonging to and in use by the Brethren.

E. E. HASKINS.

West Alexandria, O.

The first ten days of our work as pastor of the Fairview church were exceptionally sad. Four deaths occurred in the congregation.

On Sabbath, April 7, we buried brother Parker Graves in the morning, and sister Lucy Vincent Carr in the afternoon. On Tuesday, April 9, young Albert Davis, son of brother and sister Davis was laid to rest. And on Wednesday, April 17, we presided, assisted by the Baptist and M. P. ministers, at the funeral of brother Peter Harper. "These all died in the Lord." "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The bereaved families have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends. May our common Father above comfort and strengthen their souls.

J. C. MACKEY.

South Haven, Kans.

The work here is moving, but not as rapidly as we would like to see. The attendance at the services is very good. The Sunday school is arranging for children's day services.

We should never look to results for inspiration to duty, but an observation of the field (world) in the face of the all important command of the Master to "Go" should be an inspiration to every believing heart. And if so inspired to duty, the next lesson is invariably, I am with you all the days. As the constant drop of water wears a stone, so the constancy of God's servants wears upon the stony hearts.

Mulvane. The work here is moving along more pleasant and promising since we have a new house in which to worship, yet there is room for improvement, and many things to be made better. The object of our moving from Mulvane to South Haven was for a more convenient residence which was much needed. Our work has not changed in any way.

The township Sunday school convention is to be held at Bethel on June 2.

An Easter offering was taken at both congregations for the General Mission fund and remitted to Brother Cassel.

L. G. WOOD.

Golden Gifts

One smile can glorify a day,
One word new hope impart;
The least disciple need not say
There are no alms to give away,
If love be in the heart.

No earthly pen the tale may write
Of cup or crust so given;
But angels have such deeds in sight,
Writ large, in characters of light,
On records kept in heaven!

—Selected.